

# **BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION**

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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COMMISSIONER

# October 14, 2009 MEETING

## 374 HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

### MINUTES

#### **Commissioners Present**

Steven Afriat, President Renée Campbell, Vice President Diana Wood, Secretary James Barger, Commissioner Sara Vasquez, Commissioner

# **Commission Services Staff**

Twila P. Kerr

#### **County Representatives**

Barbara Goul, Principal Deputy County Counsel Joe Lomonaco, Sheriff's Department Kathy Waters, Treasurer and Tax Collector Ray Hocking, Treasurer and Tax Collector

#### Guests

Shantu Bhata
Tim Casey, Attorney
Janice Dangerfield
Joseph Dangerfield
Shantu Dayal
Jianli Jin
Karen Tam
Meital Manzuri, Attorney
Tim Wildey
Gloria Williams

## CALL TO ORDER

President Afriat called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

## **MINUTES**

ACTION TAKEN: Minutes of September 2, 2009 - Approved.

Motion: Secretary Wood seconded by Vice- President Campbell

Vote: Unanimously carried

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#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Application for Annual Dance SC/Entertainment-General W/Dance/SC Business License ID #135242

Chris Aldieri
Hyatt Valencia
Noble Management Group California, LLC
24500 Town Center Drive
Valencia, CA 91355 (Fifth District)

Kathy Waters, Operations Chief, Treasurer and Tax Collector's office, reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals and there were no objections to the issuance of the license.

Tim Wildey, representing Chris Aldieri, stated the hotel is located in downtown Santa Clarita. The hotel has 244 guest rooms and have been in business for eleven years. The establishment has two ball rooms including stage and dressing room used for social gathering and weddings.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the aforementioned license with the following condition:

Abide by all City of Santa Clarita Standard conditions.

Motion:

Commissioner Barger seconded by Vice- President Campbell

Vote:

Unanimously carried

<u>Application for Massage Parlor-General/General/SC/Health Spa/Club/SC Business</u> <u>License ID#135703</u>

Jianli Jin Magical Asian SPA 26893 Bouquet Canyon Road J&K Santa Clarita, CA 91350 (Fifth District)

Kathy Waters, Treasurer and Tax Collector's office reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals and there were no objections to the issuance of the license.

Ms. Jianli Jin, applicant and Tim Casey, Attorney were present. Ms. Jin indicated she is familiar with all the requirements for operating the massage parlor and health spa. All therapeutic and facial workers have obtained the required permits and licenses. She added, there are no locks on the doors. Investigator Veronica Vargas, Sheriff's Department has inspected the premises.

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ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the above-mentioned license with the following conditions:

- Abide by all Sheriff's Department standard conditions.
- Abide by all City of Santa Clarita Standard conditions.

Motion:

Commissioner Barger seconded by Secretary Wood

Vote:

Unanimously carried

Application for Massage Parlor-General/SC Business License ID#136007

Lai Fung Poon Relaxtation Massage 23942 Lyons Avenue #108 Santa Clarita, CA 91321 (Fifth District)

Karen Tam, applicant's daughter, was present to represent Ms. Lai Fung Poon. Ms. Tam did not have the required authorization letter to speak on her mother's behalf. The Commission discussed rescheduling this item for one week, allowing Ms. Tam time to obtain a notarized authorization letter.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission rescheduled the above mentioned item

for hearing on October 21, 2009.

Motion:

Vice- President Campbell seconded by Commissioner Vasquez

Vote:

Unanimously carried

The Commission recessed at 9:21 a.m.

The Commission reconvened at 9:27 a.m.

Recommendation to Deny Coin Operated Game Business License ID#135824

Shantu Dayal Video 94 19020 La Puente Road West Covina, CA 91792 (Fifth District)

Kathy Waters, Treasurer and Tax Collector's office reported that the Sheriff's Department is recommending that this application be denied. Deputy Joel Lomanaco, Sheriff's Department reported the premises is located within 500 feet of Nogales High School. The area is known for gang activity, graffiti, and loitering in front of store. A shooting was reported in front of the building six months ago.

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The Commission Recessed at 9:44 a.m.

The Commission Reconvened at 9:51 a.m.

On Sunday, October 11, 2009, Deputy Lomanaco made an inspection of the premises and indicated the tobacco and drug paraphernalia were in a covered case, but the adult video area had no signage.

Meital Manzuri, attorney for the client indicated most of his clients are college students. Mr. Bhata, applicant, stated that his business is open 7 days a week, Sunday - Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. and Friday - Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission overturned the recommendation to deny the above-mentioned license with the following conditions:

- No one under 18 years of age are allowed to play games, signage in both English and Spanish must be displayed in the window and in premises.
- Surveillance in the premises and should be made available to Sheriff at anytime.
- Employees to properly identify themselves to Sheriff.
- Sheriff to inspect business before issuance of license.
- 90 day review by the Business license Commission following the issuance of the license.

Motion: Commissioner Barger seconded by Commissioner Vasquez

Vote: Unanimously carried

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

#### **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Secretary Wood spoke of a letter sent to Officer Vargas from a concerned resident of Santa Clarita regarding the number of Massage Parlor in the area. Commissioner Barger indicated that the letter was forwarded to the 5<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District and it will be forwarded to the City of Santa Clarita.

# MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA TO BE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA

The next meeting will be held on October 21, 2009 and the Commission agreed to cancel the meeting of October 28, 2009.

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# **ADJOURNMENT**

The Commission adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Steven Afriat, President